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From: Deputy State Director, Division of Resources

Subject: Recreation/Wilderness Workshop

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The Montana State Office will host a Recreation/Wilderness Workshop on January 6-8, 2004, in Billings. The agenda (Attachment 1) will address Travel Management, Fees, Budget Processes and Program Elements, River Management, and a host of other issues. Specific agenda items, lodging, etc., is included in the attached agenda.

In light of the never-ending need for funds, we feel this workshop is a critical step to identify opportunities to collectively address strategic issues to continue to strengthen and build the program. Consistent with staff feedback from our last workshop (2001), the time and energy spent together generates ideas to streamline efforts, share information, clarify policies, and network with each other.

Several Washington Office Recreation and NLCS staff will participate in the workshop, as well as guest presenters from other agencies. Each field office will also be asked to share critical issues and/or success stories related to their recreation/wilderness programs in a "round-robin" format. Refer to the attached agenda for more detailed information.

We look forward to seeing you in January. To ensure we have adequate materials for all participants, we would like to know who from your office will attend the workshop. Please RSVP to Kim Prill by December 26. If you have any questions, you may contact Kim at (406) 896-5038 or Cindy Staszak at (406) 896-5039.

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1 Attachment

1-Workshop Agenda (4 pp)

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**MONTANA/DAKOTAS BLM
RECREATION & WILDERNESS WORKSHOP**

**January 6 - 8, 2004
Billings, MT
MSO – Main Conference Room**

Lodging: Contact the Hampton Inn at (406) 248-4949. Refer to the BLM Recreation Block

Agenda

Tuesday, Jan 6th

- 8:00 Opening Comments - **Marty Ott**, State Director
- 8:15 Introductions
- 8:30 BLM Priorities for Recreation and Visitor Services – **Scott Abdon**
- How the Strategy was Developed and How we will Implement
 - Outlook for Recreation: 2005 Budget
 - AD-400 Proposal (combining NLCS, Recreation)
 - Congressional Report in March
- 9:15 Recreation and Visitor Services Advisory Team (RVSAT) – **Tim Smith**
- Forming a National-level advisory team
 - Functions / Mission of RVSAT
 - Working on issues that address local concerns
 - Other
- 9:45 Break.** Enjoy treats and take time to “network”
- 10:05 Provide For and Receive Fair Value in Recreation
- National Fee Team Update – **Brad Rixford**
 - How Fees Help us do Business – **Brad Rixford/Tim Smith**
 - Fee Start-Up and Collection Know-How's – **Rixford/Smith**
 - Business Plans – **Tim Smith**
 - SRPs
- 11:15 Wilderness/WSAs – **Gary Pavsek**
- Wilderness IM
 - Utah Settlement – what does this mean for us ?
 - Open Discussion

11:40 LUNCH – on your own

- 12:45 Travel and Tourism Promotion – **Victor Bjornberg**, Travel MT
- Information from Travel Montana on what visitors come to MT to do
 - Coordinating the Tourism Regions and VICs
 - Tourism Advisory Council: **Clark Whitehead**

- 1:45 Access to Public Lands – **Craig Haynes**
- Easements, Acquisitions and R&PP

2:15 Group Activity and Break

- 2:45 Monitoring: Tools and Techniques – **Gary Pavak**
- Crash Course in monitoring/evaluations in WSAs (some of these methods could be applied to other sites/areas)
- 3:45 Here's What's Happening in Your Neck of the Woods.....
- Each office provide a short overview of their recreation and wilderness programs.
Focus on:
 - o Critical issues
 - o Success Story
 - List of topics that need to be addressed at a statewide level
- 5:00 Adjourn for the Day

6:00 GROUP DINNER: Location TBA

Wednesday, Jan 7th

- 8:00 Public Involvement to Partnerships – Tools, Techniques and Tips
- **Mary Apple:** Tools and Techniques
 - **Jerry Meredith:** A Manager's experience working with the public and forming partnerships
- 9:00 Identity, Signs, and Logos - **Adam Deutsch** (MT/DAKs Sign Coordinator)
- Review the Sign program, forms, process, etc.
 - Identity Initiative: display new Logos for PPNM and UMRBNM
 - Other
- 9:30 **Break – enjoy treats and take time to “network”**

- 9:50 Travel Management and OHV Implementation – **Richard Hopkins**
- Updates on High Priority areas/planning
 - Transportation Team – approved by SMT
 - Interagency OHV Team Update
- 10:15 Case Study: Red Hen – **Rick Waldrup, Scott Debock, Randy Schardt**
- Dillon Transportation Plan: Inventory and Data Collection
 - “Red Hen” data base demo
 - Group Discussion: How would this data base meet the needs in MT/DAKs?
 - Group Discussion / Recommendations
- 11:45 Lunch – on your own**
- 1:00 Using our Bureau Budget Systems –
Pam Dandrea, Louise Weinland, and Phyllis Brosz
- BPS: How WO uses BPS and field can use BPS to their advantage
 - PMDS Overview
 - MIS Overview
 - Cost Management
 - Program Elements
 - o WO feedback on Program Elements and transition to Work Activities –
Abdon, Marsh, Pavak
 - o Priority Program Elements for Recreation and Wilderness – **Prill/Staszak**
- 3:30 How Volunteers Can Help You – **Matt Proctor**
- Overview of the MT/DAKs BLM Volunteer Program
 - Sources to find volunteers
 - Getting a Volunteer On Board: agreements, uniform, etc.
 - Stipends – How Much ? and should there be consistency ?
 - Q&A
- 4:00 Follow-up / Discussion on “BIN” Items
- 4:30 Adjourn

Thursday, January 8th

- 8:00 Recreation, Visitation, Budgets....Making it Work – **Howard Lemm**
- 8:30 Lewis and Clark Bicentennial – **Dick Fichtler**
- It’s January 2004...Are We Ready?
 - Signature Events
 - NPS Corps II and BLM Involvement
 - Other

- 9:30 River Recreation Advisory Council – **Charlie Sperry**
- Reason for/Formation of the RRAC
 - Guiding Principles
 - Recommendations and Implementation
 - Discussion
- 10:15 Break**
- 10:30 Workshop in Review
- Track Recommendations; Decisions; Follow-up
 - Other Announcements
- 11:00 Adjourn -- Detailed River Mgmt meeting to continue for those interested
Lunch
- 12:15 River Management – Local Issues
- Blackfoot River Pilot Project – **D. Fichtler/B. Maiorano**
 - Madison River Proposal – **S. James/R. Waldrup**
 - UMNWSR Issues/Planning – **W. Brown/G. Slagel**
- River Management – From the Experts - **G. Marsh/Others**
- o Addressing Social Conflicts
 - o Standards & Indicators - What Works (triggers for allocating use)
 - o Successful Allocation Systems / Models
 - o Soliciting Partners to Address River Management
 - o More Questions / Hearty Discussions
- 2:00 Wrap-up River Discussion
Track Recommendations / Followup
Adjourn.